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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 24TH, 1913.

The address of the Chairman of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at the half-yearly general meeting of shareholders on Saturday makes pleasant reading, not only for those holding the Bank's scrip, but also for that wider public who look upon the balance sheet of the Bank as a dependable barometer of Eastern trade and especially the trade of China. For while it is true, as Mr. Ekins remarks, that "the information given in the Chairman's address of branch premises in course of erection or extension in banking and commercial centres in widely-separated parts of the world evidences the expanding business and enterprise of the Bank," yet Chinese business may still be regarded as the principal business of the Corporation. That the Court of Directors, despite the abnormal conditions which have prevailed in China during the past eighteen months, should have been able to maintain the usual rate of dividend, without checking the enterprise of the Bank in its various fields of operation, is eloquent testimony not only to careful management but to the general healthiness of the trade conditions in the main field of the Bank's activities—China. Mr. SELLERMAN quoted in the course of his speech a recent Shanghai market report as aptly describing the situation in these terms: "This extraordinary vitality of trade which the country can show after a period of so great political and monetary stress as that through which it has passed augurs well for the future

development of commerce in China, even if only a moiety of the principles of reform and progress which are mooted ever become genuinely established." Mr. SELLERMAN endorsed confidence expressed by his predecessor in the chair a year ago with regard to the future of China. "I think," he said, "we may safely trust to China's industrious population and great natural resources as a sufficient guarantee of prosperity." True it is that these two important assets are in no danger of disappearing; but they can only form a guarantee of prosperity while a Government strong enough to maintain law and order and to give every encouragement and protection to the industry of the population and to the enlightened development of the country's great natural resources. The great mass of China's industrious millions desire, not political turmoil, but peace. Neither are they interested in political theories. "Destroy our authorities, central and provincial," wrote the clever author of "Letters from John Chinaman," "and our life will proceed very much as before. The law we obey is the law of our own nature, as it has been evolved by centuries of experience, and to this we continue our allegiance, even though the external sanction be withdrawn. Come what may, the family remains, with all that it involves; the attitude of mind remains, the spirit of order, industry and thrift. These it is that make up China; and the Governments we have passively received are Governments only so long as they understand that it is not theirs to govern, but merely to express in outward show, to formulate and define an order, which in essentials they must accept as they accept the motions of the heavens. China does not change. The tumults of which you make so much, and of which you are yourselves the cause, are no signs of the break-up of our civilisation. You hear the breakers roaring on the shore; but far away beyond your ken, unsailed by, ships of yours, stretch to the blue horizon the silent spaces of the sea." And so we repeat that the best guarantee of prosperity in China is a Government which can command if not by moral suasion then by force the observance of law and order throughout the country and so secure its vast population in the peaceful exercise of their innate qualities of industry and thrift; an enlightened Government which will not uproot, but build upon, old foundations, bending their own energies and the people's patriotism towards practical measures of social and economic reform, and so lead them by gradual steps to the new environment. The way things have shaped themselves in China during the past twelve months certainly gives no cause for anxiety, but much ground for hope and some justification for confidence in the steady improvement of political conditions in China and in the continued prosperity of trade.

H.M.S. Hampshire (Captain Cuthbert E. Hunter) has arrived.

The next Siberian mail was due to arrive in Shanghai on the 22nd inst.

H.E. the Governor has been pleased to direct that the name of Mr. J. R. Maughan be added to the list of authorised architects.

The Rev. H. R. Wells will speak at the meeting of the Hongkong Christian Union at St. Paul's College this afternoon at 5.30 o'clock.

The two German cruisers *Harnhorst* and *Gneisenau*, which have been anchored in Harbour during the past week, left yesterday, proceeding to Tsingtau.

At the inquest at Shanghai last week touching the death of Captain W. Jamieson, of the s.s. *Chiyuen*, it was stated that death was probably due to chloral hydrate, and the Coroner found that the cause of death was uncertain.

All the warships in the Harbour were on Saturday decorated with flags in honour of the anniversary of the birthday of George Washington and salutes were fired at mid-day. Many American business establishments also hoisted the "Stars and Stripes."

The appeal for funds to present the Rev. and Mrs. Hickling with a testimonial has been generously responded to, and has resulted in the purchase of a handsome silver tea service and silver and a clock. The presentation will take place in the Union Church Hall on Friday, the 23rd instant, at 9 p.m.

A thief entered the residence of Mr. J. Owen-Hughes at No. 5, Morrison Hill, and pilloved various articles of jewellery belonging to Mrs. Owen-Hughes estimated to be of the value of about \$350. The intruder apparently gained access to the room by climbing up a rainwater pipe, and then through an open window. The police are investigating the affair, but up to the present no arrest has been made.

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments are notified in the *Gazette*:

H.E. the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. D. Tratman, in addition to his own duties, to act as Assistant District Officer for the Southern District of the New Territories, during the absence of Mr. G. R. Sayer. Provisionally and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, Mr. C. McI. Messer to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council during the absence of Mr. F. J. Badesley or until further notice.

Under instruction from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, H.E. the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments, with effect from the 28th November, 1912, viz.:

Mr. S. B. C. Ross to be District Officer, Mr. G. N. Orme to be Assistant District Officer, Northern District.

Mr. D. W. Tratman to be Assistant District Officer, Southern District.

Mr. E. Carmichael to be First Assistant Registrar, General (on transfer from Weihaiwei).

The following acting appointments, from the 19th inst., are also notified:

Mr. C. McI. Messer to be Captain Superintendent of Police, Superintendent of Victoria Gaol and Superintendent of Fire Brigade.

Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher to be Colonial Treasurer and Collector of Stamp Revenue.

Mr. R. H. Crofton to be Assistant Colonial Secretary and Clerk of Councils.

WARNING TO EUROPEANS.

The following notification is issued in the *Government Gazette*:

All non-Chinese persons in this Colony are reminded that they are liable to arrest if they cross the border line of the New Territories without passports. British subjects who desire to obtain passports should address themselves to H.B.M.'s Vice-Consul, Canton, forwarding at the same time the necessary fee, viz. \$4.20.

THE METEOROLOGICAL BULLETIN.

Beginning with the month of January, 1913, the meteorological observations made at the Royal Observatory, Hongkong, and those telegraphed from various stations in the Far East were to be published monthly in a Meteorological Bulletin. The Bulletin has made its first appearance, and the information is presented in a manner which facilitates reference. The arrangement reflects creditably on Mr. T. F. Claxton, F.R.A.S., Director of the Observatory, under whose direction the Bulletin is prepared. A description of the Observatory is given in this number.

THE RACE MEETING.

The heavy downpour yesterday will undoubtedly have seriously affected the course. The going will, it is needless to say, be very lumpy, and the registered times of the "favourites" will have to be discounted. Appearances suggest that it will be a "gala day" for the "outsiders" and sportsmen who have laid their bets prematurely may have cause to regret their haste.

THE MAGISTRACY.

On Saturday, two Chinese and two Indians appeared before Mr. C. D. Melbourne charged with cutting down trees on Crown land off the Shaikwan Road. Mr. J. H. Gardner defended, and said he was instructed that the cutting took place on land owned by the defendants' employer. The case was remanded.

A Chinese appeared before Mr. Melbourne on a charge of stealing a gold tooth. It was stated that while the prosecutor was exhibiting the tooth, which he had in his hand at the time, the defendant snatched the tooth away and ran off with it. The defendant, who alleged that he was falsely accused, was sent to prison for fourteen days.

Before Mr. Melbourne, a woman living at 16, Sau Wah Fong was charged by Sgt. Grant with being in unlawful possession of two Browning pistols and 207 rounds of ammunition. Sgt. Grant stated that a book found on the premises showed that these people had dealt largely in arms, and he would therefore ask for a heavy penalty. The woman's husband had already been charged. A fine of \$250 was imposed.

Three Chinese were charged with removing sand from the foreshore at Su Lum Bay. It was stated that numerous complaints had been received from the villagers of sand being removed, as when the high tide came up, it flooded the paddy fields. Mr. Edwards, of the P.W.D., said there had been a lot of pillaging of sand going on and it was very difficult to catch offenders. The defendants were fined \$100 each or two months' imprisonment. For having no lights on their boats, the defendants were fined a further \$25 or one month's imprisonment, the sentences to be consecutive.

TELEGRAMS. TELEGRAMS. TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE BALKAN WAR.

THE POSSESSION OF SCUTARI.

The Serbian Delegate on Friday informed Sir Edward Grey and the Ambassadors that Serbia associates herself entirely with the Montenegrin demand regarding Scutari, and also insists upon Djakovica and Dibra remaining outside Albania, contrary to the Austrian demand.

PROPOSED MEDIATION.

In view of the indecisive nature of the war operations, the intense cold and the exhaustion, both physical and financial, of Turkey and the Allies, the idea of effective mediation on the part of the Powers to secure peace is gaining ground. Turkey is willing, and movement on the part of the Allies is now awaited.

Halki Pasha, interviewed by Reuter, emphasised that his mission to London was merely semi-official, and declared that the Turks wanted territory in Thrace to make Constantinople, the Sea of Marmora and the Dardanelles secure. The retention of Adrianople was only one of the points on which they insisted. He asked Europe to intervene because peace resulting from direct negotiation between the belligerents was apparently out of the question.

ITALY AND PEACE.

A message from Rome states that the Marquis San Giuliano in a pronouncement in the Chamber of Deputies emphasised that all the peoples and Governments had a lofty sentiment of their duty and would not unchain a terrible conflict for inadequate causes.

INDEMNITY A PEACE CONDITION.

Reuters' correspondent at Sofia telegraphs that the Ministry of Finance has issued a statement declaring that the payment of an indemnity is an essential condition to the conclusion of peace, but an immediate payment will not be demanded.

TROUBLED MEXICO.

LONDON, February 22nd.

Reuters' correspondent at Mexico City wires that the turmoil is rapidly subsiding. General Diaz made a triumphal entry into the city at the head of troops, and President Huerta welcomed him in the National Palace, where felicitations were exchanged. Afterwards, the troops were reviewed. The citizens joined in the celebrations. President Huerta has ordered the release of all political prisoners. Other parts of the country have notified their adherence to President Huerta.

CHEERFUL NEWS FOR THE EX-PRESIDENT.

The United States has intimated that it does not seriously object to the summary execution of ex-President Madero.

INSURRECTION IN THE PROVINCES.

It is likely to be some time before Mexico is pacified. The governors of several provinces who are friends and relatives of Madero are raising forces in his interest.

PROTECTING MADERO.

President Huerta explains that he is detaining Madero to secure his safety. He recalls the attacks that were made upon the train in which Porfirio Diaz was travelling when he left Mexico City.

THE FORMER DICTATOR.

It is reported that Ex-President Diaz, who is at present in Egypt, is returning to Mexico.

ANOTHER DICTATOR.

President Huerta affirms that he will adopt Diaz methods in governing.

U.S. PRECAUTIONS.

A message from Washington reports that four infantry regiments under Brigadier Smith have been ordered to Galveston, there to be prepared for instant embarkation.

THE MARCONI CONTRACT.

LONDON, February 22nd.

The Marconi Company has written to the Post Office insisting on the cancellation of the Imperial wireless contract after March 1st. They add that they are prepared to reconsider the matter when it is definitely decided to build the Imperial stations.

BRITAIN'S HEROES.

LONDON, February 22nd.

The death is announced of Sergt. T. Ashford, of the Royal Fusiliers, who won the Victoria Cross for conspicuous bravery in the Afghan War in 1880.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SUFFRAGETTE TERRORISM.

HOW MR. LLOYD GEORGE LEARNED THE NEWS.

LONDON, February 23rd.

Mr. Lloyd George, while motoring from Paris to Nice, was compelled to stay at the village of Paulhan, owing to the heavy snow. He bought newspapers there and read to Sir Rufus Isaacs and his other companions the account of his country house having been blown up by a bomb explosion.

TAKING LEGAL OPINION.

The Home Office has referred to the law officers of the Crown Mrs. Pankhurst's speech of the 19th inst., in which she accepted full responsibility for blowing up Mr. Lloyd George's country house at Walton Hill.

MRS. PANKHURST STILL DEFIANT.

Mrs. Pankhurst, speaking at Chelsea, reaffirmed her responsibility for the suffragette outrages and declared that she defied the Government. A representative from the Home Office took notes of her speech, which was interrupted, the audience being disorderly.

DEALING WITH THE MILITANT NUISANCE.

Interviews with correspondents and editorials in newspapers discuss the problem of dealing with the "militant nuisance," and suggest that heavy fines be inflicted in addition to imprisonment. It is stated that the authorities have been informed of a plot to kidnap the members of the Cabinet.

Special precautions are being taken to guard the Oxford boat at Putney for fear of attacks by suffragists. Nearly 100 private actions for damages for broken windows are pending against Mrs. Pankhurst and other members of the militant union.

HOWLED DOWN.

Mrs. Despard and other militant Suffragettes were howled down by the audience at a Suffragette meeting at Thornton Heath. The police were compelled to protect the women from violence and to clear the hall.

THE SCOTT FUNDS.

LONDON, February 22nd.

Mr. Asquith has informed the Lord Mayor of London that the Government proposes to provide out of national funds for all the relatives and dependents of Captain Scott and his four companions, so that they may be in as good a position as if the disaster had not occurred. The Scott funds now stand at £20,000.

THE JAPANESE CABINET.

LONDON, February 22nd.

The *Times* announces that the appointment of Baron Takahashi as Japanese Minister of Finance is well received in the City. It adds that affairs in Japan demand exceptional prudence and firmness from the statesmen charged with the country's finances, and says it believes Baron Takahashi to be endowed with both these qualities.

COURSING.

LONDON, February 22nd.

In the final of the Waterloo Cup, Hung Well beat Huldee. The betting was 5 to 2 against the winner.

THE KING'S SECRETARY.

LONDON, February 23rd.

Lord Knollys is about to retire from his position as private secretary to the King.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY.

LONDON, February 23rd.

Scotland beat Ireland at Edinburgh by 23 points to 14.

NEW P. & O. STEAMER.

LONDON, February 23rd.

The new P. & O. steamer *Nagoya* was launched at Caird's yard, Greenock, on Saturday. She is of 7,000 tons and is intended for the intermediate service between Calcutta and Japan.

ECHO OF THE TITANIC DISASTER.

LONDON, February 23rd.

A message from New York states that a decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals permits relatives of the victims of the *Titanic* disaster to begin suits for damages immediately.

The White Star Company expect that claims aggregating \$10,000,000 will be filed.

AN UNDESIRABLE.

LONDON, February 23rd.

Ex-President Castro has proceeded to Cuba from the United States.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DEATH OF THE DOWAGER EMPRESS OF CHINA.

LONDON, February 23rd.

Reuters' correspondent at Peking telegraphs that the Dowager Empress of China died early on Saturday morning after a brief illness, probably appendicitis.

A later telegram says that the Dowager Empress for the last few days has had occasional periods of acute illness, and the Government summoned the Emperor's Guardian Dowager on Friday. In the afternoon she became feverish, and then delirious. Rumours of suicide were spread owing to the impending transfer of the Imperial family to the Western Palace in order to make room for the Government at the Eastern Palace. The Empress, however, herself suggested the transfer, and the circumstances entirely disprove the allegation of suicide.

[The deceased lady was the Consort of the Emperor Kuang Su and known by the honorific of Luang Yu. Though not so powerful as the Dowager Empress Tzu Hsi, she nevertheless wielded some influence in the councils of the nation, and after the death of the Empress Dowager Tzu Hsi in November, 1908, she became the chief power in the land. At the time of the Revolution she proved that she had more spirit than the Prince Regent, but afterwards gracefully accepted the inevitable.]

It is noteworthy that only last week the Empress Dowager received felicitations from representatives of the Republican Government on the anniversary of her birthday.

The news of the death was received at Government House on Saturday night, and yesterday all the warships in the harbour half-masted their flags as a mark of respect to the dead Empress.

THE DALLAS COMPANY.

The Dallas Comedy Company opened a short season at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night and met with a most enthusiastic reception. In striking contrast to the experience of those entertainers who have just preceded them, they were confronted with one of the largest houses ever seen in recent years, every seat being apparently occupied. The hopes which attracted so many people to the Theatre were by no means disappointed, and "The Glad Eye" provided all the amusement that was expected. This farcical comedy is adapted from the French "Le Zebre," and deals in characteristic French style with the adventures of two married men who live in the country and who contrive all sorts of excuses to get an opportunity of absconding themselves from their respective wives and enjoying the delights of Paris for a spell. One of the wives is not at all jealous and makes the most of her husband's little excursions by melting him in a new dress or some other form of feminine extravagance by way of compensation, so that she is able to declare to her friend that she is one of the best dressed women in France. The erring husbands having given out that they are going to make a balloon ascent with a certain distinguished aeronautist return home only to find during the temporary absence of their wives that the balloon on which they are supposed to be exploring the clouds has been blown in the direction of Holland. Obviously they should not be at home, but before they can make their departure their wives return and they have to hide. Their movements ultimately lead to the suspicion that burglars are in the house, and though they escape it is not before a zealous police officer has wounded one of them in the leg. The presence in the house of Kiki, a gay little Parisienne with whom one of the husbands carried on a serious flirtation, with the expensive sables which the exacting wife has promised herself as the price of her forgiveness of her husband, adds not a little to the embarrassment of the erring ones, who are discovered in their true colours, but their indulgent wives being forgiving all ends more happily perhaps than it should. If any criticism be permissible, it may be said that it is difficult to discover the relation between the piece itself and its title. Mr. Henry Dallas in the part of Gaston Bocard and Mr. Ashby as Maurice Polignac, the "erring husbands," were responsible for much of the amusement, and so was Miss Nell Compton as Kiki, who gave the "glad eye" fairly lavishly. Miss Geraldine Le Sage and Miss May Hallatt as the respective wives were convincing, and Mrs. Dallas as Juliette played a good part. Mr. G. Guise was very effective in the rôle of M. Gallipaux, an old gentleman immersed in spiritualism and easily lugged by the medium whom he has discovered, while Mr. Barber was well suited in the rôle of Floquet, the unsuccessul lover of one of the wives. To-night Barrie's great production, "What every woman knows," is being given.

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

When the public reads the list of official changes that have taken place this week, and remembers the number of officials who are filling acting positions, they will doubtless feel that it is as well that the Colony has at its head a man who has the threads of local government so well in hand, but even then there must be a feeling of dissatisfaction at the number of men who are holding more than one "billet." It seems difficult to understand, for instance, how Mr. Trotman can act as Head of the Sanitary Department and at the same time discharge the duties of assistant district officer for the southern district of the New Territories. Again, knowing the difficulties of the position as head of the Police Force, head of the Fire Brigade, and Governor of the Gaol, it is surprising that the Hon. Mr. Messer should find time to attend to his work in the Post Office. Possibly he isn't there. The gentleman who was appointed assistant Postmaster General is not doing duty there. In the circumstances it looks as if there were a lot more happening in official circles than the public have yet learned.

While I am in this critical mood, I may be allowed, perhaps, to refer to the educational experiment which is to be tried at Kowloon, where a school for British boys over 13 is to be opened under the care of a European master. Probably the Education Department have had this plan in view for some time, but the circular giving notice of it was only issued last week and doubtless it is expected that the match for the school will be ready in a day or two. In these circumstances how can the department expect parents to fall in with their plan if they give such short notice? Moreover, it is not stated for how long the experiment will be conducted if it be not successful, and parents who have had trouble in getting their boys into other schools will hesitate to withdraw their sons from these schools when they have no guarantee how long the proposed school will be continued. It looks as if the Department were determined to make a failure of their own experiment.

The Clock Tower, like Governments, is never free from criticism. Unkind things are said periodically about the "useless edifice" and the "block to the traffic," as well as more stinging remarks when the works are out of order and the clock is not on duty. A correspondent to the *Daily Press* has been suggesting that as Kowloon is to have a clock tower and clock Hongkong should no longer be denied. The need for a clock is as great as ever, and now that there are suggestions that the Colony is not so badly off as it has been the question might very well be considered again. I mean, of course, that the site on the Post Office building be kept in mind for such a purpose. I am not quite so iconoclastic as the correspondent mentioned, for, I think we might have a public clock in a conspicuous place and retain our old landmark in Pedder Street.

Taking up an old copy of *The China Magazine* I was interested to find "an instantaneous photograph" of the Happy Valley taken on the third day of the Races in 1888. This reminds me that to-day the sixty-eighth annual race meeting commences. This old photograph shows the grand stand and a couple of matches—one on either side of the grand stand—and a crowd of people with a few tents scattered here and there on the grass beyond the rails. The popularity of the race meeting has increased with the growth of the city, and an "instantaneous photograph" of the Happy Valley on a race day in the year 1913 would afford a very interesting contrast to the photograph before me as I write. In essential features the meeting retains all its old-time characteristics. "Social times" are still the order of the day, the Fairy Queen, who gives away the Ladies' Purse, still appears, and Philomel with Melody is still represented by the band of the onyx-onyx. To-day this old writer's words remain as true as ever that "it is only in Happy Valley, if indeed beneath the moon there be other such, that we can see Horse Races without an excess of horsemanship and of sporting men." We know the order of the day, the Fairy Queen, who gives away the Ladies' Purse, still appears, and Philomel with Melody is still represented by the band of the onyx-onyx. To-day this old writer's words remain as true as ever that "it is only in Happy Valley, if indeed beneath the moon there be other such, that we can see Horse Races without an excess of horsemanship and of sporting men."

Sir Henry May in the interesting "Notes on Pony and Horse Racing in Hongkong," which he wrote a few years ago, mentions one or two interesting facts which are worth recalling. One is that ever since the first meeting in Hongkong in 1845 the riders of horses and ponies in Hongkong have all been amateurs. At no time have professional jockeys been permitted to ride. To this circumstance and to the thoroughly sporting spirit in which racing has been conducted, Sir Henry added, is no doubt due the fact that only once in the history of racing in Hongkong has a charge for dishonest riding been made against a rider at these meetings. That is a very fine record for 67 years. May it long continue to be maintained. Another interesting fact gleaned from these "Notes" is that Sir Paul Chater has attended every annual race meeting in Hongkong since 1868. This year's meeting will therefore make his 45th—a record which probably no one else in the Colony can beat.

One advantage in having the Races so late this year is that the period of being "stoney broke" is very short. The end of the month is sufficiently near to enable those who hope on to have their pocket books replenished for the Off Day.

ROBERT R. RANDOLPH.

COMPANY MEETING.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The ninety-fifth ordinary half-yearly general meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held at the City Hall on Saturday, Mr. E. Shellim presided, and there were also present:—Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross, Messrs. F. H. Armstrong, F. Loh, G. Friesland, S. H. Dodwell, J. A. Plummer, H. A. Siebs, C. S. Gubbay, G. R. Laurence, W. L. Pattenden (directors); N. J. Stabb (chief manager), G. T. M. Edkins, Yung Hin Pong, Chun Tong, Tang Chi Ngon, G. Siemmen, S. R. Carlill, Ho Wing, Lo Cheung Shiu, A. C. Hynes, C. Pemberton, M. Fernandez, J. M. de C. Baste, A. Findlay Smith, T. F. Hough, W. Dunbar, Chiu Chan Sam, Wong Leung Him, A. H. Barlow, Chan Kai Ming, Ellis Kadoorie, Tsang Foo, Tong Lai Chuen, J. W. C. Bonnar, J. Barton, A. Rodger, W. H. Purcell, Ho Tung, Ho Fook, W. Hutton Potts, J. H. Gedge, A. E. Griffin, J. F. Wright, T. W. Hornby, P. C. Potts, R. M. Joseph, J. H. N. Mody, D. H. Silas, F. Maitland, Ho Kom Tong, F. Smythe, G. C. Moxon, J. Johnstone, W. C. D. Turner, G. E. Towns, A. P. Pumfrett.

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, The report and statement of accounts for the half-year having been in your hands for some days, I shall, with your permission, take them as read. I think the figures speak for themselves and will be regarded by you as satisfactory. The net profit for the six months, including \$1,000,288.64 brought forward from the previous half-year, amounts to \$5,031,435.48, which it is proposed to distribute as follows:—Dividend \$2 per share; bonus in addition to the dividend 5/- per share; \$200,000 added to the silver reserve fund and \$300,000 written off Bank premises account. After making these appropriations there is a balance of \$2,011,410.35 to be carried forward to the new profit and loss account, being some \$50,000 more than the amount brought in from the last account. I trust this distribution, which your directors recommend, will meet with your approval. (Applause.) There are only two items in the accounts to which I shall refer. The first, sterling reserve fund investments, has undergone a slight change. Advantage was taken of a favourable opportunity to sell our 1915 exchequer bonds and purchase those of a new issue maturing in 1930. In place of the \$270,000 of the former, which stood in the books at 98, we now hold \$285,000 1930 exchequers standing at 93. This exchange was effected at a small profit, so the transaction was very suitable in every way. We did not consider there was any occasion to write down Consols at the end of the year. Although the price has since dropped to 74-7-6 I hope the decline is only temporary and that there will be no necessity to write this stock down below our present book value of 75. The other account is Bank premises, off which we recommended writing \$2 lacs. The account stands at \$5,360,000, the increase being due to payment for our London site, an instalment account for the new building in Bombay, extension to our Yokohama offices, cost of a site in Kuala Lumpur, on which it is proposed to build our own offices, and to the purchase, on favourable terms, of the lot adjoining our property in Hankow, which it was considered advisable to acquire in view of probable extension there in the near future. The new building in London has yet to be paid for, and there is also expenditure in other places, so our Bank premises account will be still further increased; as time goes on the policy of writing down this account should be adhered to. I may mention that very careful consideration is given to all expenditure in connection with premises, but past experience has shown us the wisdom of anticipating requirements and also of possessing our own buildings when expedient.

Before dealing with other matters, I would mention that your directors felt justified in recognising the able manner in which the Bank's affairs have been conducted, by voting a bonus of 10 per cent. to the staff on their salaries for the past year. You are well served by a loyal and capable staff, and your directors feel assured their action will receive your unanimous approval. (Applause.)

During the past year trade throughout the world has been very active with a consequent good demand for money and we have found ample opportunity for the employment of our resources. Indian trade continues in a highly flourishing condition and the country is attracting such large quantities of gold that it is evident India is becoming a factor of ever increasing importance in the gold markets of the world. India was also an important factor in the silver market, the heavy withdrawals of rupees from the Treasuries

making it necessary for the Government to become purchasers of silver, and during the year they bought some 20,000,000 of that metal for coinage purposes, being the equivalent of about Rs. 13½ crores of coined rupees. The total reserves of silver coin at the end of the year, including silver in the gold standard reserve, in the mint and on the way, were about Rs. 20 crores against Rs. 25 crores on the 31st December, 1911. A continuance of withdrawals on anything like the scale of last year will probably lead to further purchases of silver by the Indian Government.

In connection with India you will doubtless expect me to make a brief reference to the Opium question, as it is one of great importance to that country and equally so to all connected with the trade. The agreement of 1911 between Great Britain and China and the manner in which it has been carried out by the latter have been so generally discussed that I need not enlarge on the matter, more especially as the whole position is, we understand, the subject of diplomatic negotiations. The Indian Government, however, have realized the seriousness of the situation by their action in giving notice of their intention to discontinue, after three months, the sale of certificated opium for the China market, and by imposing a high upset price on opium to be sold at the three auctions before sales cease. While fully sympathising with China in her efforts to suppress opium smoking, the fact should not be lost sight of that a certain period was arranged by China in which to attain that object, therefore those who entered into commitments on the good faith of the agreement being effective have reasonable cause for complaint at the present situation. I cannot but feel that an equitable arrangement will be arrived at whereby an outlet may be found for present stocks, which, on the basis of past years, only represent about nine months' consumption in China. It would hardly seem just that those who purchased opium from the Indian Government on the strength of the agreement should suffer through that agreement being ineffective.

So far as this Bank is concerned it, in common with other Eastern Exchange Banks, is interested in the financing of this business, as it has been since its foundation, but our present interest is not unduly large under the circumstances and the advances are to firms of good standing and show satisfactory margins on present quotations.

I shall not on this occasion refer in detail to all the countries where the Bank is established. Reports show they have participated in the general trade activity an advice from all places point to favourable conditions for the present year. I am pleased to say that in Siam and Cochin-China, where rice harvests have been very indifferent for the past few years, full crops are practically assured this season. As regards Hongkong and South China, trade proved far better than the outlook at the beginning of the year led us to expect. The Canton silk crop did not perhaps come quite up to anticipations and the trade was handicapped by the war in the Balkans, but I believe, taking it all round, merchants have not done badly. Import business, assisted by a favourable exchange, has been fairly prosperous notwithstanding the disturbed state of the neighbouring provinces. Local industries appear to be in a healthy condition and have been attracting money from bond holders—always a welcome sign of confidence in the future. In the Yangtze Valley and the Northern Provinces, excellent crops and favourable conditions in the foreign markets made the period under review a very satisfactory one, in spite of the political unrest and consequent monetary difficulties. The accumulation of imports at the Treaty ports, which necessarily took place during the serious disturbances in 1911, have, owing to the rise in exchange and advance in the price of cotton and other foreign commodities, gone into consumption freely on profitable terms, and I think the position as regards imports may be considered sound. With regard to exports, the enquiry for most of the staple articles continued unabated notwithstanding the higher exchange, so it is evident that there is a steadily increasing demand for Chinese produce in foreign markets, and, given settled conditions, the further development of China's trade can be confidently looked for. In this connection I cannot do better than quote the following from a recent market report of Messrs. Illbert & Co., Shanghai, which I think aptly describes the situation:—"This extraordinary vitality of trade which the country can show after a period of so great political and monetary stress as that through which it has passed augurs well for the future development of commerce in China, even if only a moiety of the principles of reform and progress which are mooted ever become genuinely established."

When addressing you in August last, I referred to the loan negotiations between the Sixty Group and the Chinese Government, which were at that time suspended owing to the difficulty found by the latter in agreeing to conditions of security and expenditure considered indispensable by the Groups and their Governments but opposed by the Chinese public. Shortly afterwards the Chinese Government concluded a loan with other parties, under conditions which dispensed with the guarantees demanded by the Groups and in circumstances with which the discussions in the Press have made you familiar. The subsequent resumption of negotiations between the Groups and China and a frank discussion of mutual difficulties have, I am happy to believe, led to the removal of much misunderstanding on both sides. The terms of a final agreement have now been

satisfactorily arranged and its conclusion awaits only the decision of the question, to be settled between China and the Governments concerned, of the engagement of foreigners for the advisory and executive posts contemplated under the loan agreement. When this matter has been finally settled, as I trust it will be, a sum of about \$25,000,000 will be placed at the disposal of China for the reorganisation of her finances under guarantees of security and expenditure which have the full approval of the Governments concerned. I may mention that the British representation in the Sixty Group has recently been extended by the association with ourselves of the great issuing houses of Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. and Messrs. J. Henry Schroder & Co., our London Bankers. The London County and Westminster Bank, and Parr's Bank, with whom we have been closely allied in the issue of Japanese loans.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I should like to endorse the confidence expressed by my predecessor in the chair a year ago with regard to the future of China. I think we may safely trust to China's industrial resources and a sufficient guarantee of prosperity. Troubles and difficulties inevitably follow great political changes and it may be some time yet before the machinery of Government is in proper working order, but that will come, and with it the development and reform for which there seems to be a really genuine desire. The present Chinese Government has already given reassuring indications of its determination to introduce thorough reforms into its financial administration, and I feel sure all will unite with me in the sincere hope that the wise application of all money obtained will result in a restoration of credit and confidence, and an increase of commercial and industrial activity to the benefit of China and all nations interested in Far Eastern trade. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, I shall be pleased to answer any questions you may put to the chair.

There being no questions, The CHAIRMAN proposed the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, as presented.

Mr. G. T. M. EDKINS—Gentlemen, I rise with much pleasure in support of the report and accounts as presented to us. I feel that I shall be voicing your opinion when I say that these are eminently satisfactory and that we congratulate all concerned on the excellent results achieved. I think there is special cause for congratulation that the Bank's progress is steadily maintained in view of the abnormal conditions prevailing in the Far East. Although the Chairman makes no definite statement on the point I surmise the management and staff have had complicated conditions to contend with in the conduct of the six months' working, for instance, the commercial and monetary conditions in China and the delicate and important loan negotiations, and I welcome the announcement of the Board, as I am sure you will, that they have voted a bonus to the staff in appreciation of their services. The Chairman has placed before us clearly and in a very interesting speech the outstanding features of the past six months, and has predicted encouraging prospects for the current year. There has been an important transaction in connection with the Bank's reserves, resulting in reinvestment of \$270,000 to \$285,000 of bonds. It appears that commendable foresight has here been employed in anticipating the falling in of securities and replacing them at a favourable moment to an extended date. We are told that the Bank's business premises in various parts of the world have now mounted up to over 6½ millions of dollars in value and that this will be further increased. This involves placing out a very large sum, but we are assured that careful consideration is given to all expenditure and I have no doubt that the policy the Bank has adopted in this connection will be thoroughly justified. With steady writing down of the premises as recommended the item premises account is a sound asset and, I take it, practically a revenue producing investment inasmuch as rent is saved. The information given us of branch premises in course of erection or extension in banking and commercial centres in widely separate parts of the world evidences the expanding business and enterprise of the Bank, and it is satisfactory to know that from all places in various countries favourable reports have been received with good prospects for the present year. This you will agree is a very pleasing announcement. There is one other point of outstanding interest, the all important matter of the loan negotiations at Peking. We have all followed with deep interest the progress of these negotiations in which the Bank is so largely concerned. We must all be glad to learn from the Chairman that the terms of a final agreement have at last been arranged, and that final settlement now rests on diplomatic negotiations. This being so, we must trust to the resources of diplomacy to find the means of early settlement of the outstanding difficulties and ultimate satisfactory agreement between China and the Powers concerned. Given this solution in the near future, there is every indication, from all that the Chairman has so lucidly set before us, of our seeing markedly prosperous trading times ahead, embracing extended development of the resources of China, for the undoubted benefit of her people and incidentally of all trading with her. Gentlemen, with these comments I beg to second the resolution that the report and accounts as presented be duly passed.

The motion was carried unanimously. Mr. HUGHES proposed that the appointment of Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mr. J. A. Plummer as directors be confirmed and that Mr. C. S. Gubbay, Mr. H. A. Siebs and Mr. C. E. S. Gubbay be re-elected directors. Mr. W. DUNBAR seconded, and the motion was unanimously agreed to. On the motion of Mr. J. BARTON, seconded by Mr. H. J. GEDGE, Mr. W. Hutton Potts and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar were re-elected auditors for the year.

The CHAIRMAN—That is all the business, gentlemen. I thank you for your attendance. The dividend warrants will be ready on Monday.

TRAINING NOTES.

February 22nd.

There was ample evidence of the growing popularity of the annual race meeting in the immense gathering that attended the final gallops at the Race Course in the early hours of this morning. The Governor was also present and with Sir Henry May were Lady May and Miss May. From being a purely sporting fixture, the regular training mornings are being invested with many of the features of friendly social gatherings. Regarded, therefore, from this point of view alone, there is much to commend in the painstaking efforts of the Clerk of the Course (Mr. T. F. Hough) to make the annual race carnival the conspicuous success it has now been for the past forty odd years in Hongkong.

For the past few days, the overhanging clouds have threatened rains which have fortunately not come down to mar the pleasure of the bi-weekly gatherings on the Grand Stand and enclosure. The crowd this morning was both large and enthusiastic, and the performances of the numerous ponies were watched with intelligent appreciation by a good few of those present who, at the conclusion of the gallops, began exchanging comparative notes.

For his easy, graceful movements and strong finish Fijian Chief, regarded as the probable winner of the Derby and if Mr. J. Johnstone rides him, in the event of neither of Mr. John Peel's candidates starting, the Chief's chances will be enormously increased. He did a mile today in 2:13, last quarter 30-2-5, with shoes on, against the twin of Sir Paul's stable, which is, I believe, ran with shoes off this morning. Sir William's time for 1½ miles was 2:45-1-5, last quarter 30-4-5. Sweet Sultan's was 2:52, last quarter 30-4-5. Sir Bedivere appeared on the course with bound forelegs and it is gossiped that he has a muscular shoulder. The knowing ones predict that this high-priced racer will take a lot of beating and one should not be surprised if Mr. David for the Derby shall have been run on Tuesday. Mr. Moller on Sunlight showed that the pony with the name of Lever fame is not to be despised; the pony galloped 1½ miles in 2:47-2-6, last quarter 30-4-5, ranks him with the probabilities for the blue ribbon of the meeting. Jambolini's rise to fame during the training season has been somewhat meteoric and is now on the evanescent stage; although those who can claim to know speak of him indulging in high hopes of showing what his mount is capable of accomplishing; these hopes are fostered with the prospect of rain and a heavy course.

Among the old ponies Perpetual Motion has gained much in form and speed with the arrival of Mr. Johnstone; the public will be disappointed if this pony does not secure one win at least during the meeting. Durbar Chief is a sure starter in the Victoria Stakes, when he will be placed under the guidance of that successful rider, Mr. Dalgarro, who will have to settle the issue with the redoubtable Barford among other crack ponies. Ravonius is also a pony to be reckoned with whenever he starts; he is in fine fettle just at present. Both Capt. Hope's favourites—Cleric and Capello—are in excellent trim, although the former has the habit of running rather erratic.

Of the subs, the following may be grouped as class apart, all the rest can be ignored so far as their chances of a win go:—Pyramids, Donald Dhu, Violini, Ben Trovato, Larkspur, Puckrow, The Burglar and Taffy. Sir Wm. Rees Davies' pony has the benefit of careful nursing and he should secure for his Honour at least one popular win. The times of the ponies clocked this morning are as follows:—

SEVEN YEARLINGS.
Sunlight (Moller), 1½m., 35-3, 1:10, 1:43-5, 2:16-3-5, 2:47-2-6, last quarter 30-4-5.
Sir Bedivere (David), 1m., 1:03-3-5, 1:40-2-5, 2:13, last quarter 32-3-5.
Sir Beaumaris (David), 1m., 38-2-5, 1:14, 1:40, 2:17, last quarter 31.
Sir Aedon (David), 1m., last 1½m., 34, 1:03-3-5, 1:37-3-5, last quarter 31.
Alvand (Dalgarro), 1m., 35, 1:09, 1:43, 2:15-3-5, last quarter 32-3-5.
Fijian Chief (Johnstone), 1m., 34-4-5, 1:08-4-5, 1:42-2-5, 2:13, last quarter 30-4-5.
Dumbone (Brand), 1m., 35-1-5, 1:07-2-5, last quarter 32-1-5.
Bruno (Brand), 1m., 36-2-5, 1:13, 1:46-2-5, 2:17-2-5, last quarter 31.
Revenue (Seth), 1½m., 37-3-5, 1:13, 1:47-1-5, 2:19-2-5, last quarter 32-1-5.
Sweet William (Burkill), 1½m., 35, 1:09, 1:42-3-5, 2:14-2-5, 2:45-1-5, last quarter 30-4-5.
Sweet Sultan (Burkill), 1½m., 35, 1:13, 1:43-5, 2:11-5, 2:52, last quarter 30-4-5.
Sweet Pea (Burkill), 1m., 35, 1:07-3-5, 1:40, 2:12-2-5, last quarter 32-2-5.
Jambolini (Dalgarro), 1m., 34-4-5, 1:08, 1:40-3-5, 2:12-3-5, last quarter 32.
OLD PONIES.
Favonius (David), 1m., 34-2-5, 1:07-4-5, 1:39-4-5, last quarter 31-4-5.
Mayfair (Johnstone), 1m., 35, 1:09-4-5, 1:44-1-5, 2:15-2-5, last quarter 31-1-5.
Sandringham (Burkill), 1m., 34-4-5, 1:09, 1:45, 2:18-2-5, 2:50, last quarter 31-3-5.
Cleric (Boy), 1m., 32, 1:39, 2:11-4-5, last quarter 32-4-5.
Diabolini (Dalgarro), 1½m., 36-2-5, 1:10-1-5, 1:50, last quarter 33-4-5.
Perpetual Motion (Johnstone), 1m., 35, 1:09-4-5, last quarter 31-4-5.
Capello (Boy), 1m., 34, 1:07, 1:39, last quarter 31.

SUMPTION CRISFINS.
Ben Trovato (Johnstone), 1½m., 35-2-5, 1:11-1-5, 1:42-4-5, last quarter 31-1-5.
Donald Dhu (Johnstone), 1m., 36, 1:11, 1:43, last quarter 32.
Pyramids (Moller), 1½m., 41-3-5, 1:21-1-5, 1:57-4-5, 2:33, 3:06, last quarter 33.
Ambition (Boy), 1½m., 35-1-5, 1:07-2-5, 1:41, last quarter 33-3-5.
Violini (Dalgarro), 1m., 41, 1:15, 1:47, last quarter 32-4-5.
Larkspur (Burkill), 1m., 38-2-5, 1:17, 1:51-2-5, 2:24, last quarter 32-2-5.
Second Thoughts (Gresson), 1½m., 37-2-5, 1:10-3-5, 1:44-3-5, last quarter 31.
Lump (Moller), 1½m., 38-4-5, 1:16-2-5, 1:53-3-5, 2:30-3-5, 3:01-3-5, last quarter 31.
Puckrow (David), 1m., 35-4-5, 1:09-4-5, 1:45, 2:18-2-5, last quarter 33-2-5.
Silver (Boy), 1m., 34, 1:03, 1:42-3-5, last quarter 34-5-5.
Gold (Boy), 1m., 35-3-5, 1:09-4-5, 1:43-1-5, 2:18, last quarter 34-5.

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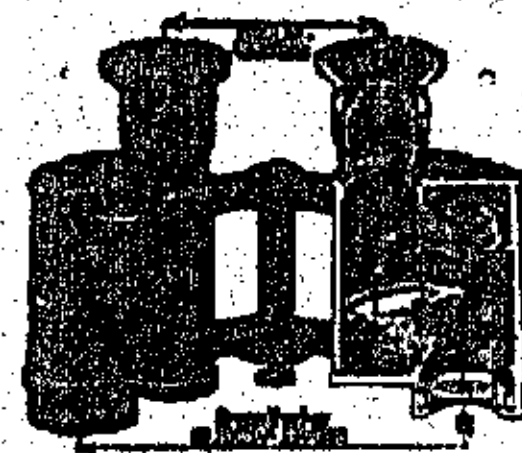
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND DECLARED for the Half-Year ending 31st December, 1912, at the rate of TWO POUNDS STERLING together with a Bonus of Five Shillings Sterling per Share of £125 is Payable on and after MONDAY, the 24th day of February, Current, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

N. J. STABB,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1913. [352]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LTD.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Hotel, on SATURDAY, the 8th MARCH, 1913, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 31st December, 1912, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matter which may be brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 8th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. MOONEY,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1913. [353]

THE INKKEEPERS ORDINANCE, 1912.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY No. 2 of 1912.

Re R. DAVID.

Ex parte A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the

Expiration of One Month from the

date hereof the Undersigned Goods

Deposited with the above-named Debtor by

CAPT. GROTE VAN TEX will be Sold by

Public Auction:

Four Boxes containing Personal Effects.

HUGH A. NISBET,

Official Receiver.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 1913. [354]

G. R.

TENDERS.

TENDERS are invited for the Supply of

Timber, Timber Materials and Sawn

to H.M. NAVAL YARD for one year from 1st

April, 1913.

Forms of Tender with full particulars may be

obtained on application to the NAVAL STORE

OFFICE.

F. WESTON,

NAVAL STORE OFFICE.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1913. [355]

G. R.

TENDERS.

SEALED TENDERS are invited for

Upholstery, Cleaning and Dyeing Work

and Miscellaneous Articles for H.M. NAVAL

ESTABLISHMENTS for one year from the 1st

April, 1913.

Tenders will be received at the Commodore's

Office until Noon on THURSDAY, the 6th

March, 1913.

Forms of Tender may be obtained on applica-

tion to the NAVAL STORE OFFICE, H.M.

NAVAL YARD.

The right is reserved of rejecting all or any

Tenders and of accepting any portion of a

Tender.

F. WESTON,

NAVAL STORE OFFICE.

H.M. Naval Yard,

Hongkong, 24th February, 1913. [356]

G. R.

TENDERS.

TENDERS are invited for the Supply of

Labour and Junks for Admiralty Coaling

for a period of 12 months certain from 1st April,

1913.

Forms for Tendering can be obtained on

application to the NAVAL STORE OFFICE,

H.M. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, and Tenders

should be lodged in the Commodore's Office not

later than Noon on the 10th March, 1913.

A deposit of One Hundred Dollars will be

returned from persons Tendering, and will be

returned in the event of non-acceptance of the

Tender.

F. WESTON,

NAVAL STORE OFFICE.

H.M. Naval Yard,

Hongkong, 24th February, 1913. [357]

G. R.

TENDERS.

TENDERS are invited for Supply of Local

Coal to the GENERATING STATION,

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Total requirements about 2,000 tons in

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Commodore's office not later than noon on the

10th March, 1913.

The right is reserved of rejecting all or any

Tenders, and of accepting any portion of a

Tender.

F. WESTON,

NAVAL STORE OFFICE.

H.M. Naval Yard,

Hongkong, 24th February, 1913. [358]

LIGHTERAGE.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN Co. undertake every description of lighter work, including transshipments in the Harbour, delivery to any water frontage in the Colony, and conveyance to Canton and West River work. Small quantities handled and specially low rates quoted for large quantities.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 3rd day of March, 1913, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, by Order of His Excellency THE GOVERNOR, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at the Conduit Road Extension, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty THE KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Reg. No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Acres	Annual Rent	Upset Price
100	100	110	110	20,000	144
100	100	110	110	20,000	144
100	100	110	110	20,000	144
100	100	110	110	20,000	144
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "MANCHURIA."

FROM SAN FRANCISCO VIA JAPAN PORTS AND MANILA.

THE above-mentioned Vessel having arrived,

Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified

to send in their Bills-of-Lading for correct-

signature and take immediate delivery of Cargo

from the Company's Godown. Cargo will be

landed immediately on arrival of Steamer at

Consignees' risk.

General average having been declared on this

steamer holders obtaining delivery of Cargo

Consignees must sign General Average Bond,

furnish statements of value, and pay a deposit

of 10% of the value of their Cargo.

Cargo remaining undelivered MONDAY,

3rd Mar., at Noon, will be subject to landing

and storage charges.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

All claims and otherwise damaged Cargo will

be examined at the above Company's Godown

SATURDAY, 1st Mar., at 10 A.M.

No Claims will be entertained unless accom-

panied by short delivery note or list of excep-

tions taken at the time of delivery to Consignees

and signed for and on behalf of the Pacific

Mail S.S. Co.

All Claims must be filed on or before 24th

Mar., otherwise they will not be recognized.

FRED. J. HALTON,

Agent.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1913. [360]

WANTED.

ENGLISH GENTLEMAN Requires Board

with Private Family in the Vicinity of

the Race Course or East Point.

Replies to— "R.N.R." Office.

Care of "Daily Press" Office.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1913. [348]

NOTICE.

M. WALLACE J. HANSEN, having

left our Firm, the Power of Attorney

which he held since May 31st, 1912, HAS

BEEN CANCELLED.

ARTHUR NILSSON & Co.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1913. [352]

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE DINNER.

IT is proposed to hold the ANNUAL

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE

DINNER on the 29th March, 1913.

All Oxford and Cambridge Men wishing to

attend are requested to notify the Undersigned.

The CHAIRSMAN has kindly consented to

take the Chair, and Sir CHARLES ELIOT the

Vice-Chair.

PHILIP W. GOLDRING,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1913. [350]

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSUR-

ANCE COMPANY OF AACHEN.

HAVING been Appointed AGENTS of

the above Company, we are prepared

to issue Policies against FIRE at Current

Rates of Premium. BROCKELMANN & Co.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1913. [359]

BY ORDER OF THE COURT.

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On FRIDAY,

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Hongkong, 21st February, 1913. [341]

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RACE MEETING, 1913.

TO-DAY (MONDAY), TO-MORROW

(TUESDAY), WEDNESDAY, AND

SATURDAY (OFF-DAY).

24th, 25th, 26th FEBRUARY, AND

1st MARCH.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND

STAND and ENCLOSURE may be

obtained from Messrs. KILBY & WALSH, LTD.,

or at the Gate. Price \$7 for the Meeting

(excluding the OFF-DAY), or \$5 per day.

No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown

to the Ticket-Inspector at the Gate.

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1913. [353]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of

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T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1913. [354]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PASSES for Servants will be issued on

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SATURDAY, the 22nd instant.

No Servants will be allowed inside the

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These Tickets are only available for Servants

while in attendance on their employers or when

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Servants' passes in their possession, will forfeit

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Hongkong, 20th February, 1913. [355]

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Race to be Run on the OFF-DAY, SATURDAY,

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ALICE MEMORIAL & AFFILIATED HOSPITALS.

ANNUAL MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The annual meeting of the Finance Committee of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals was held at the office of the Registrar-General (the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax), who is Chairman of the Committee, and who presided at the meeting. Among those present were:—Sir Kai Ho Kai (the founder), Dr. MacLean Gibson (medical missionary superintendent), Dr. I. E. Mitchell, the Revs. T. W. Pearce and H. R. Wells, Messrs. J. R. Lee-Jones (Hon. Treasurer), A. MacKenzie, A. E. Coppin, Ng Hon Tsz, and others.

The annual report was as follows:—
GENERAL.
We again have pleasure in reporting an increase in the number of in-patients and out-patients treated at the four hospitals of our Mission. The increase in the number of in-patients has been entirely in the hospitals for women and children, chiefly in maternity cases.

In the out-patient department all the hospitals show a substantial increase over the numbers treated in any former year.

The dispensary at Yau-mai which was opened in 1904, and at which clinics have since been held twice weekly, was closed in June last. This was deemed advisable owing to the pressure of more important work in the other centres which rendered impracticable an adequate oversight of this dispensary.

At the Alice Memorial and Nethersole hospitals the clinics for out-patients have been conducted regularly throughout the year. The former hospital still maintains its popularity as a centre for out-patients, 80 per cent. of the total number having been treated at that institution. Since the opening of this hospital, twenty-five years ago, 307,619 out-patients, exclusive of return visits, have been treated at the Alice Memorial and branch hospitals, the majority of the treatments being at the older institution.

The Gynaecological Department at the Nethersole Hospital, in charge of Dr. Eleanor Perkins, has shown by personal testimony of the patients, and by the increasing numbers of those seeking advice, the popular appreciation of this branch of our work.

Of the 1,039 in-patients who received treatment for general diseases, 65 per cent. were discharged cured, 15 per cent. in improved health, 6 per cent. died, 7 per cent. were under treatment at the close of the year, and 7 per cent. were discharged on other grounds.

As in former years we have, to the extent of our accommodation, admitted applicants for relief, whether they were considered curable or not; the only exception to this rule being cases of infectious disease, for which we have no quarters sufficiently isolated, and which are accordingly sent to the Government hospitals for treatment. The relief of suffering goes hand in hand with the cure of disease, and is in itself a sufficient end when a radical cure cannot be expected.

Surgical cases formed 79 per cent. and diseases of the eye 29 per cent. of the treatments in the wards of our three general hospitals; these figures indicating approximately the proportions of the same classes of diseases in the out-patient clinics.

Of the eye diseases, trachoma and its results accounted for 63 per cent., and catarract for 11 per cent. of the total.

Chinese medicine still holds a large place in the public estimation, and in some cases such treatment is of undoubted value, but in the realm of surgery the failure of the Chinese healer of the old type is abundantly seen in the attempted cure of cases which subsequently pass to able hands.

Quack medicines from Western lands have flooded the markets of the East to the detriment of legitimate and more effective remedies; Western medicine as a whole too frequently being judged by the ill success which usually attends experiments with secret preparations of doubtful value.

BUILDINGS.
The yearly expenditure for repairs is less by \$1497.10 than that of the previous year. The Nurses' Home is now in course of construction and should be ready for occupation in the early summer. The building is situated adjoining the Maternity Hospital on a site which was kindly donated by the Government. The cost of erection and furnishing has been met by Chinese gentlemen who were largely instrumental in building the Maternity Hospital, and who have since contributed liberally to the maintenance of this branch of the work.

We would record our hearty appreciation of the generous provision thus made for enlarging the scope of our work in the Maternity and Nethersole Hospitals. As pointed out in our previous report, the opening of this home to the nurses in training will not only allow an increase in the staff, at the same time providing them with more congenial quarters than are now available, but will also supply some of the much-needed room for patients in the Nethersole and Maternity

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Hospitals, the rooms now occupied by the nurses being then available for patients. Even with this increase the need for further room, especially in the nature of more effective isolation wards, is yearly becoming more acute. It is earnestly hoped that during the coming year means may be found for supplying this most urgent need.

FINANCIAL.
The receipts from regular donations totalled \$12,573.70, an increase of \$580.15 over the income from the same source during the previous year. In addition to this amount, a sum of \$2,175.00 was received in interest on invested funds, and a further sum of \$905 towards the special fund to reduce the deficit at the close of 1911, making a total income from all sources of \$15,653.70. The expenditure on hospital accounts amounted to \$14,594.80, for interest \$118.30, making a total of \$14,713.10. The ordinary expenditure for the year was \$2,065.76 less than in 1911, the saving being effected in the account for "medicines, surgical supplies, etc., and in the "repairs" account. In spite of the economies thus effected the debit balance at the close of the year was \$3,065.80, as compared with \$3,991.31 of the previous year, and \$3,738.07 at the close of 1910.

THANKS.
We express our hearty thanks to Dr. Jordan, consulting surgeon to the hospitals, for valuable professional services rendered throughout the year; also to Mr. B. L. Frost, for assistance in connection with the X-ray apparatus; to the Rev. H. R. Wells for a translation of this report into Chinese; to the many subscribers to the funds of the hospitals, and to the voluntary workers for assistance rendered in maintaining the Sunday services at the hospitals.

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE.
The University of Hongkong having opened its doors to students, in September, the College of Medicine, as a teaching body, ceased to exist, being merged in the larger institution. Owing to a University regulation requiring students to reside in one of the hostels in connection with the University, only two students now reside in the hospitals—one in the Nethersole, and one in the Ho Miu Ling—where they render assistance in the dispensaries.

STAFF.
We are glad to report the return of Dr. Gibson to the Colony in December, and we congratulate him on having gained the distinction of F.R.C.S. Ed., during his absence.

Miss Stewart, Matron of the hospitals, left on a well-earned furlough in April; and in October we had the pleasure of welcoming another worker in this cap-

city in the person of Miss L. K. Rayner, who has gained a wide experience in general and obstetric nursing in the Middlesex Hospital, London. Previous to the arrival of Miss Rayner, we engaged Yeung Pok Chan, a licensed midwife and a former pupil of the hospitals to act in the capacity of head nurse.

Dr. G. H. Thomas having accepted the position of house surgeon at the Tung Wah Hospital, Dr. B. C. Wong, a licentiate of the Hongkong College of Medicine, was appointed house surgeon to the Nethersole and Ho Miu Ling Hospitals, and has filled the office with efficiency. Dr. To Ying Fan has continued his services as house surgeon at the Alice Memorial Hospital, his long experience in this capacity considerably lightening the burden of running the institution.

The Hon. Treasurer, in submitting the financial statement, said that last year there was a debit balance of \$3,065. This was a much better state of affairs than existed in the previous year. On looking at the other side they would see that there was a debit balance in 1911 of \$3,991.31. He might say that the subscriptions from the European population in the Colony came in "readily—very readily. There appeared to be no difficulty in getting subscriptions from the European firms and those interested in the hospitals. But he was very much disappointed that the Chinese, to whom this Hospital afforded such a relief from suffering, did not respond in the way that both he and the Committee would have liked them to. It might be that at the present moment there were very great calls upon the Chinese community in the way of charities, but these hospitals were very outstanding and had done an enormous amount of good to the Chinese community generally, and were doing, and would still continue to do great good. He ventured to think, from the way he had gone into the accounts during the past year, that there were no hospitals in any part of the Empire which were so well financially managed and run so economically. It had astonished him to find the small amount of cost upon which these hospitals were able to manage their affairs, and he thought if the Chinese community would be good enough to consider this, and the fulness of the benefits they derived from their subscriptions, they might more liberally support the hospitals. He thought that if some effort was made to call the attention of the Chinese community to the benefit they can derive from the close economy and the care kept over the accounts and the subscriptions, they would more readily respond in the future. He regretted that, owing to leave of

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Steamer "DAIGI MARU" Captain Y. Sonekawa ...

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STEAMERS	Leave to	Connecting Steamers from COLOMBO to	Do to	Do to
	HONGKONG	MARSEILLES & LONDON	MARSEILLES (Brindisi days earlier)	PLYMOUTH (London 1 day later)
Steamer	Neon, SATURDAY	Steamer	SATURDAY	FRIDAY
DEVANHA	March 1	MARMORA	Mar. 29	April 4
DELTA	March 15	MEDINA	April 12	April 18
INDIA	March 29	Through Steamer	April 26	May 2
ASSAYE	April 12	MONGOLIA	May 10	May 16
DEVANHA	April 25	MACEDONIA	May 24	May 30
CHINA	May 10	MALWA	June 7	June 13
DELTA	May 24	MOOLTAN	June 22	SATURDAY
ASSAYE	June 7	MOREA	July 6	June 30
ARCADIA	June 21	MARMORA	July 20	July 26
DEVANHA	July 5	MEDINA	Aug. 3	Aug. 9
CHINA	July 19	MOLDAVIA	Aug. 17	Aug. 23

Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO, and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at PORT SAID. Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in Hongkong at the time of Booking.

1st SALOON £71.10 SINGLE, £105.14 RETURN.

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STEAMER	Leave HONGKONG	Do to MARSEILLES	Do to LONDON
SOMALI	March 5	April 6	April 16
NAMUR	March 19	April 20	April 30
NANKIN	April 2	May 4	May 14
NYANZA	April 16	May 18	May 28
NORE	April 30	June 3	June 13
NILE	May 14	June 17	June 27
PAUWAN	May 28	July 2	July 11
BOENEO	June 11	July 16	July 25
NUBIA	June 25	July 30	Aug. 8
SUNDA	July 9	Aug. 13	Aug. 22

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DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS AND DISPLACEMENT	TONS	SAILING DATES
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ and PORT SAID	ATSUTA MARU	16,000	WEDNESDAY, 26th Feb., at 11 P.M.
	HITACHI MARU	13,000	WEDNESDAY, 12th Mar., at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBEN, YOKKAICHI, and YOKOHAMA	SHIDZUOKA MARU	12,500	TUESDAY, 25th Feb., at Noon.
	TAMBA MARU	12,500	TUESDAY, 11th Mar., at Noon.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	KUMANO MARU	9,300	WEDNESDAY, 12th Mar., at Noon.
	YAWATA MARU	7,000	WEDNESDAY, 9th Apr., at Noon.
CALCUTTA VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON	JINSEN MARU	6,000	TUESDAY, 4th Mar.
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE, and COLOMBO	TOTOMI MARU	5,000	MONDAY, 3rd Mar.
KOBEN and YOKOHAMA	KITANO MARU	16,000	THURSDAY, 7th Feb., at 11 A.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBEN and YOKOHAMA	CEYLON MARU	12,000	MONDAY, 8th Mar.
NAGASAKI, KOBEN & YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU	7,000	WEDNESDAY, 12th Mar., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBEN	KAMAKURA MARU	12,500	WEDNESDAY, 26th Feb.

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HITACHI	13,000	12th March
MITASAKI	16,000	26th March
KITANO	16,000	9th April
YAWATA	12,500	25th April
YAWATA	12,500	7th May
TANGO	13,500	21st May

FOR AMERICA.

SHIDZUOKA MARU	12,500	25th February
TAMBA	12,500	11th March
AWA	12,500	25th March
SAPO	12,500	4th April
YOKOHAMA	12,500	22nd April
INABA	12,500	6th May
SHIDZUOKA	12,500	20th May

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